

## Not Far from the Kingdom

Mark 12:28-34

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Are Important (v. 28-31)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ discussion
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ individual statutes
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ answer
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ response
    - i. First ever explicit linking of two vital texts
      - Deuteronomy 6:4-5
      - Leviticus 19:18
    - ii. No \_\_\_\_\_ from the law
    - iii. Focus is away from \_\_\_\_\_ & achievement
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Is Imperative (v. 32-33)
  - a. To the \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ other besides Him (Dt 4:35)
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ commitment
  - b. To the \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Christ's definition found in \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Recognition of important facts
      - Man's sin of \_\_\_\_\_
      - Reclaiming this love to \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Is Not Enough (v. 34)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Only \_\_\_\_\_ portrait of Pharisee in Mark
    - ii. Answered "wisely" = \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ importance of sacrificial system
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Still not "\_\_\_\_\_ " the Kingdom!
    - ii. Must have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. Example in Scripture - \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Ki 23:25)

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."*  
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."*  
Leviticus 19:18

*To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides Him.*  
Deuteronomy 4:35

*Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.*  
2 Kings 23:25

## Notes for Further Study

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9. Verses 4-5 (the Shema) in particular were recited morning and evening by every pious Jew.
  - a. Is there any doubt as to Who their devotion must be given? (Notice the word LORD, the Hebrew word YHWH.)
  - b. Read Philippians 3:1-11.
    - i. The recitation of the Shema was not just a ritual or a tradition but should promote a relationship.
    - ii. What (or Who) is it that Paul says He wanted to "know" which was greater than all his background, his training, and his achievements?
    - iii. Do you "know" the triune God?
2. Read Leviticus 19:9-18.
  - a. How was this commandment to "love your neighbor" to be demonstrated in Israel among Israelites? What are the principles behind these laws that are still valid for us?
  - b. Read Luke 10:25-37. What would have been so shocking to the lawyer who interacted with Jesus in this text?
  - c. How have you tried to justify your sinful treatment of others much like this man?
  - d. Who, according to Jesus, is our neighbor?
3. Consider the words of Jesus in verse 34.
  - a. Are you near, far from, or in the Kingdom of God?
  - b. Read John 3:3-5. What had to happen to Nicodemus, to the lawyer in chapter 12, or to anyone?
  - c. Read 1 Cor. 6:9-11. What had to happen for sinners to enter the Kingdom? Have you repented and believed?